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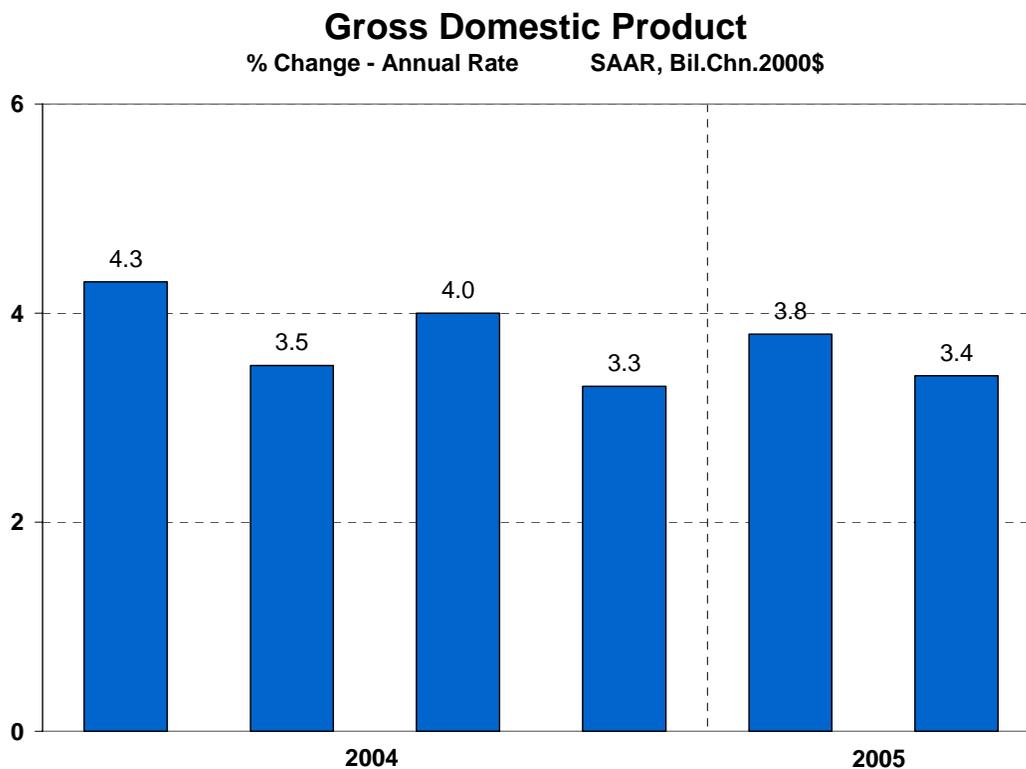
## ECONOMIC GROWTH CONTINUES AT A HEALTHY PACE

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The latest economic growth figures show that the expansion is strong and well-balanced, Joint Economic Committee Chairman Jim Saxton said today upon their release. GDP growth in the second quarter of 2005 increased at a rate of 3.4 percent, according to the new data released by the Commerce Department. The pace of economic expansion has picked up in recent years relative to its pace earlier in the recovery period.

“The figures released today show that the U.S. economy is in very good shape,” Saxton said. “The economic expansion continues to reflect strength in consumption, investment, and exports. Furthermore, inflation pressures remain well-contained.

“A key reason for the improved economic performance in recent years is the recovery of equipment and software investment. Accommodative monetary policy and the investment incentives provided in the 2003 tax relief legislation worked together to kick-start investment, which was greatly weakened after the bursting of the stock and technology bubbles in 2000. This policy mix has worked very well to strengthen and broaden the expansion, and has also contributed to the 3.7 million rise in payroll employment over the last 25 months,” Saxton concluded.



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